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The following describe the changes made in EIMS in the May 2005 release.

Account Management - Many of you have noticed that online Account Management is now active. It will allow you to create and disable accounts for your division. Please remind users to use a strong password hint for obvious reasons. It's also a good idea to close out the browser session after logging out of EIMS because if they try to log back in the system takes them into a different login page what has an additional box with several selections - the correct selection is VA EIMS PRODUCTION. I putting in a change request to eliminate this possible scenario.

New URL-We have a new URL to get into EIMS - try it out and add it to your Favorites. www.virginiaeims.com

File Management - you used to only go back 90 days to look at your previously loaded files. A 365-day option is now available.

Report Name Changes - you will notice some name changes and new descriptions for the standard and DSS reports. Pearson's next step will include some programming changes to consolidate reports so that one report will have the functionality to display data that previously took two separate reports.

Excel Disaggregator Templates - the templates have been updated to handle the Fall '04 and Spring '05 data layouts. They are available for downloading. You can find them at: http://www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/DataDisaggregator/